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HSI CEUNG-HSUN'S INSTRUCTIONS
ON CORRECTING DEVIATIONS AND REFORMING THE PARTY

At conferences in Sui-teh this spring (1948) Hsi Chung-Hsun, secretary of the Northwest Office of the CCP, advised that land reform should cease during spring plowing, but that rectification of errors could not be postponed lest popular support be lost. Some comrades still believe "Left is better than Right," not knowing that if going rightist is opportunism, so too is going leftist; both are not Marx-Leninism, both harm the revolution. Some comrades saying "mass-feeling" and "mass-demand" are unwilling to rectify the errors. But really, Party policy must reflect the long-term advantage of the multitude, not the passing benefit of just a segment. The latter is called "Tailism" not "the viewpoint of the masses."

Some comrades fail to understand that correcting leftism is harder than correcting rightism, and requires firmness in the leadership. Others say that in correcting leftism we become rightist. But, we need only to follow firmly the Party policy in land reform. If mistakes have been made, correct them promptly. Let all be faced frankly, with no careless or purposed concealment. The most highly prized quality among us Communists is loyalty and integrity.

One great fault among our comrades is the tendency to act alone, or take decisions in camera, thus losing touch with the masses. This administrative autocracy is a Party fault that needs correction, for it leads to serious abuses.

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